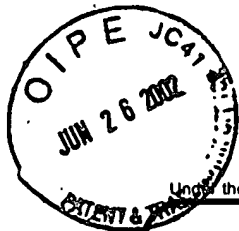


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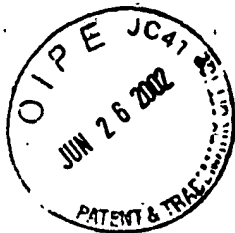
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SECOND DECLARATION OF JOSEPH W. TALNAGI under 37 C.F.R. §1.132


Attached hereto is a Second Declaration of Joseph W. Talnagi under 37 C.F.R. §1.132. It is the purpose of this Declaration to address the rejection under 35 USC §112 that was affirmed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the parent application. In affirming the rejection under 35 USC §112, the Board stated that the applicants had not submitted evidence to establish that the beta emission that the applicants observed was beta emission from a thermal neutron trapped in the fullerene molecule as opposed to a beta emission from some other beta emitter. In the Declaration Dr. Talnagi indicates that he identified other potential sources of the beta emission he observed (which is characterized by a half life of approximately 10 minutes) and he is able to confirm that they are not the source of the beta emission.

The Board also affirmed the §112 rejection on the basis that the teachings in the application do not insure that the thermal neutrons are in fact within the fullerene molecule as opposed to being at some other location. Dr. Talnagi addresses this argument and concludes that the central cavity of the fullerene molecule is the only location in which the thermal neutrons could be captured and be capable of emitting the beta emission having the characteristic half life of about 10 minutes.

In view of the Talnagi Affidavit, the applicants submit that the rejection under 35 USC §112 should be withdrawn. In this regard, the applicants note that in Dr. Talnagi's First Declaration, he attests to the fact that when the teachings in the application are followed, fullerenes having a beta emission characteristic of a thermal neutron are obtained. Now, in this Second Declaration, he additionally confirms that the beta emission he observes is not due to any other source that he is aware of and that the thermal neutron is only able to emit this characteristic radiation under these circumstances if it is trapped within the central cavity of the fullerene.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants solicit an early indication of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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